

Orange Book Band

Aims

The main aim of the books in the orange book band is to introduce the rest of the vowel graphemes as specified in Phase 5 of *Letters and Sounds* in as many words as possible. Any of these could appear in the Phonic Screening Check that pupils undergo at the end of Year 1 in school.

The books also introduce the remainder of the 100 high-frequency words on the *Letters and Sounds* list, leaving only 'Mr, Mrs, people, I'm, your' not used. Most of the words from the list of 200 are also included in the reading scheme.

These aims are met in four series of books.

Follifoot Farm Series 3 uses many words with the split digraphs 'a-e, i-e, o-e'. Words containing a 'soft c' or 'soft g' are also used in each book. The series is one complete story and the books need to be read in numerical order. Each book has between 230 and 258 words.

The *Further Vowels Series* introduces the rest of the 'long' vowel graphemes 'ew, ue, u-e, igh, ow (snow)' as well as 'ear' in both 'pear' and 'year'. Each book is a separate story and has between 200 and 241 words.

English Vowels Series Set 2 introduces and uses the graphemes 'ir, oi, oy, au, aw, ea (bread), are, air' in as many words as possible in separate stories. Each book has between 207 and 227 words.

The *Past Tense Verbs Series* uses words containing all of the graphemes introduced. It has many multi-syllable past tense verbs ending in the three different pronunciations of 'ed' (*wanted, wobbled, jumped*). Each book is a separate story and has between 218 and 228 words.

Full details of the vocabulary in each book may be found in the teaching guides.